



THE BAYONET



Simmons, Sponaugle, Bottino First Members Of Augusta Quill and Scroll Society

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Principals Entertain Cadet Officers, Dates Prior To Formal Dance

"White Hall," the home of Col. and Mrs. C. S. Roller, Jr., and Memorial Gymnasium were the scene for the climax of the winter social season of Augusta Military Academy. The Principal and Mrs. Roller entertained the officers of the corps of cadets and young women from Staunton and Stuart Hall at a buffet supper immediately preceding the mid-winter dance, in honor of the officers of the corps and Miss Linda Roller, granddaughter of Col. and Mrs. Roller.

"White Hall" was decorated in spring flowers. Attending the buffet supper were the following: the Misses Pat Miller, Kenny Withers, Libby Reese, Sherry Kerns Carol Oates, Janie Schesstrum, Yvonne Lewis, Bettie Ann Smith, Ann Jones, Katie Craighill, Linda Roller, Shelly Carter, Mary Lou Rennenbaum, Margaret Meriweather, Cissie Windersweede, Joan Sawyer, Emily Bowen, Cathy Jordan, Lynn Cooper, Rally Johnston, Janet Margaret, Susan Stanton, Pat Scott, Betty Moya, Anne Brooke, Gail Curry, Katherine Bonfoey, Margie Hayes, Claiborne Dohs, Betty Hannahan, Kay Bowen, Anita Moore, Sandra Clark, Sophia Leach, and Barbara Crass; (Continued On Page 2)

Individual State, Southern Interscholastic Swimming Champions



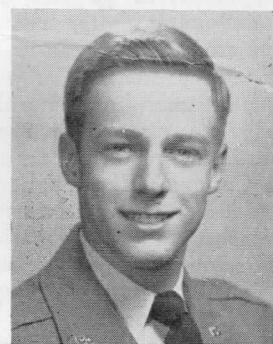
Jack Bair, John Bowers, Parker Ward, Jay Fox—Story on Page 3, Column 5

Major Hoover Honors Journalistic Efforts Of Outstanding Cadets

For outstanding and meritorious service to their school in the field of Journalism, Tommy Simmons, Mike Bottino and Carroll Sponaugle have been voted into the Quill and Scroll Society.

These three cadets are the first to be named to this national honorary journalistic fraternity since the charter was granted to Augusta in 1950. Only one cadet will be added to this membership from former cadets and that will be Dave Duffey who was graduated in 1951 and is now serving with the Marines in Alaska.

Editor of Recall



Tommy Simmons

Tommy Simmons has been an active member of the Bayonet and Recall Staffs since his entrance in September 1951. He has served as Business Manager of both publications and was Editor-in-Chief of the 1952 Recall and will hold that same office this year. He has also acted as Sports Editor and has written many articles on all phases of cadet life. He was and will be a representative at S.I.P.A. which meets on April 10 and 11 at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

In addition to working with Cadet Publications, Simmons has been a regular on the Tiger Football Team, the Varsity Football Team, Tiger and Varsity Basketball, the Fencing Team, the Baseball and Lacrosse teams.

Mike Bottino is a new cadet. He has helped to put out all editions of the Bayonet this year and has been selected as Co-Editor for 1953-54. His work with the Recall of 53 will be noticed when the book appears in May.

Bottino has been a regular member of the Augusta Foil Fencing team. He has maintained a high scholastic average which placed him high on the Honor Roll each month.

Carroll Sponaugle has worked with the distribution of the Bayonet and Recall for the past three years. His work with the business end of both publications has helped balance the budgets.

With the non-Carroll Sponaugle or of membership goes a gold pin and a card. The membership is transferable to any college he may attend.

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Tommy Simmons Will Represent Publications At SIPA Convention

Tomme Simmons, Editor-in-Chief of the 1953 Recall will attend the annual meeting of S. I. P. A. which convenes at Washington and Lee University on April 10 and 11.

The Bayonet and the Recall have been entered in the critical contests and the results of our success will be made known in the next issue of the Bayonet.

Mike Bottino and Martin Cohen will also attend as representatives of the Bayonet—the publication which they will head in 1953-54.

A Bell In The Sentry Box

Augusta now boasts of a bell and in the sentry-box in the courtyard. The bell was made possible through the efforts of the Masonic Lodge of Monroe, Virginia which secured the bell from the president of the Southern Railway.

The Monore Masonic Lodge felt that a bell was needed when they held their meetings here in July of each year.

The bell will serve for special calls by the Principal and when an interruption of the electric current makes the loud-speaker system non-workable.

Steve Tomasek Tops February Honor Roll

Steve Tomasek hit the top of the Honor Roll again. His average this time was 97.80.

Steve played Tiger basketball during the winter months and is now engaged in Lacrosse.

The remainder of the Honor Roll in order was: Caldwell, Wattay, Dulin, Bottino, Hassell, Long, H., Fox, Meals, McGraw, Babione, Balbis, Benedict, Bowis, Hodges, Chow, Barry, Barkle, Steele, Long L., Tomasek T., Cohen, Merenick, Cox, Nance.

New Style Decoration Features Mid-Winter Gala Formal Dance

The Annual Mid-Winter Dance sponsored by the Cotillion Club was held in the Memorial Gymnasium, Friday evening, March 7.

Music for the affair was furnished by Ray Houser and his Royal Virginians.

The Memorial Gymnasium was decorated in multicolored strips of crepe paper. The ceiling consisted of a cloud effect of gold, black, green, brown, orange, blue, and red crepe paper arranged in parallel patterns. The side walls had smaller masses of the same colors in twisted strips. The band stand was located against the right side wall and was covered with blue paper with a design of yellow and green in the center.

A tunnel-way into the hall was covered with solid blue crepe paper. The co-chairman of the Decorating Committee, Cadets Dan Boger and Harold Chow, had on their committee, Cadets R. Harris, Dulin, J. Harris, Daughtrey, Lowenbach, P. Stone, Balbis, Quigg, Burke, Hovermale, Cagle, David Boger, Robertson, and Suter.

Principal, Adjutant To Assume Elderships At Old Stone Church

Col. Charles S. Roller and Capt. E. W. Parkins, principal and adjutant of Augusta, will assume their duties as elders at the next official meeting of the Old Stone Church.

Both gentlemen were elected to this high church position at the last regular meeting of the congregation on March 7. Both have been active in all duties as members of the oldest Presbyterian Church in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

A rare coincidence exists in their election as both of their fathers held the same position of trust.

School, PMST Announce Military Advancements

Col. H. D. Deame has announced that Alex Wattay and Lee Tringle have been named as representatives of Augusta to take competitive examinations for entrance to both the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy.

The competitive exams for West Point were taken the first week in March at Walter Reed Medical Hospital, Washington, D. C.

The examinations for the Naval Academy will be taken next week at Washington, D. C.

Should these cadets qualify both mentally and physically they will enter the field of their choice in July of this year.

Promotions

Major A. S. Dalby, P. M. S. & T., has announced the following promotions effective at once:

Carroll Sponaugle to be 2nd Lieutenant in "C" Co.; Roy Pope to be Master Sergeant in "B" Co.; Hugh Harmon to be Corporal in "D" Co.

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Cadet Corps Elects Bill Saunders Final Ball Committee Head

Willie Saunders was elected President of the Final Ball Committee for 1953 at a recent study body election.

His vote was almost a majority as he had twice as many votes as the nearest candidate.

Saunders is in his fourth year at Augusta, Captain Adjutant, Roller Rifles, Honor Committee, Fencing, Lacrosse, Honor Roll, etc.

Dan Boger and Harold Chow are co-vice-presidents and co-chairman of the Decorating Committee.

Maunel Balbis is Secretary and Tomme Gamewell will be treasurer.

Those who will serve as members of the decorating committee will include: Bob Harris, Jim Harris, Ed Dulin, Ed Daughtrey, Bob Lowenback, Pete Stone, Don Quigg, Hal Cagle, Harold Robertson and Frankie Suter.

Do Not Delay In Entering our Favorite Snapshot In NSPA's High School Photographic Contest



THIS PICTURE, ENTERED IN CLASS IV of the National High School Photographic Awards, won the 1951 grand prize for Daniel Gregory of Sandston, Virginia, formerly a student at Highland Springs High School in Highland Springs, Virginia. You may be the top winner in 1953 . . . IF you enter your best pictures before April 15.

Can you make a scene for \$300? It's worth a try.

\$300 is the prize to be awarded for the best picture entered in Class III, scenes, in the 1953 National High School Photographic Awards. This contest, especially for high school students, offers \$4,000 in prize money—from four \$300 grand prizes for the best picture in each class to 180 \$10 spec-

ial award prizes.

Maybe you have some good pictures taken on last summer's vacation trip. Pictures taken on your high school campus, of a country lane, on the farm, snowy landscapes or autumn foliage all fit into this class.

The scenic picture most likely to take a prize is one that tells a (Continued On Page 2)

ABE LINCOLN—STILL A MAN OF THE PRESENT

Two well-worn utterances of Abraham Lincoln help to explain the character and conduct of the man who was born a nobody 143 years ago today and now "belongs to the ages." He had not blind confidence in ancient wisdom or experience. "The dogmas of the quiet past," he said, "are inadequate to the stormy present." Nor did he think it wise or practical to plan the future too far ahead. "Few can be induced to labor exclusively for posterity. Posterity has done nothing for us."

So there he stands, by his own confession, at the perpetual pivot of history which is the present day. He claimed no kinship with great men of times gone by. He admitted no knowledge of the destiny of the nation he saved from disaster. He had courage sufficient to endure the day, and wisdom to meet its clamoring problems and perplexities. His humility, his tolerance, his humor, his habit of prayer were all dedicated to today.

Many have wondered how Abraham Lincoln might serve and guide the American people in these confused and troubled times. How might he answer questions on which the world's peace depends, and the lives of millions of people? How much would he use the authority of his office, and how long-suffering would his patience be?

Lincoln's life answered these questions, and much that he said and wrote. "I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end."

GEORGE WASHINGTON—VIRGINIAN, AMERICAN

Today in most of the schoolrooms across the nation, and perhaps especially in Virginia, the students will be laboring over compositions involving cherry trees, silver dollars, Valley Forge, Yorktown, and the story of the man who could have been king.

The Continental Congress brought Washington to the national scene as commanding general in those hectic days of 1775 when independence was not the issue so much as liberty. George III, however, was not in a conciliatory mood toward the insurgents and in the mind of the Congress all thought of compromise was soon overcome by a wave of indignation and a new burst of patriotism.

Washington took the field armed more with courage than fire-power, strong in faith but weak in regiments. The Congress could offer little legal support. It passed resolutions, not laws, and it issued requisitions, not orders.

Tom Paine said "These are the times that try men's souls." Washington must surely have agreed. Then came the French Alliance, victories at sea, a fresh supply of troops, the battle of Yorktown, and after that—peace.

The lessons of the period of the Confederation were not lost on Washington. He realized that a weak nation having an ineffective government would remain the pawn of European diplomacy.

A man who had beaten the British at war might be able to defend the nation at peace. Washington as president demonstrated the moral character and devotion to duty which had distinguished him in the field. His appraisal of policies which would serve the national interest has proved more accurate in the view of historians than the opinions of his brilliant associates Hamilton and Jefferson.

In 1794 John Jay signed a treaty with Britain that was immensely unpopular at home. The treaty was a diplomatic victory for the British and Americans were incensed. Washington, however, felt that the treaty would prevent war at least for a time, and at his insistence the Senate confirmed the pact.

Washington, the man, did not have the administrative genius of Hamilton or the philosophic depth of Jefferson. Yet he was less emotional and more reasoned in his approach to government than either of them. He had executive ability and the capacity for sound leadership which the new nation needed more than theories or rhetoric.

He had one hope — peace; one goal — independence; and one guide — justice.

The present emergency demands leadership in this tradition, if our country is to preserve the independence won by the men of Washington's time.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST
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story—one that won't leave the judges in doubt as to why you took it.

Try featuring something interesting in the foreground, like some people admiring the view. But be sure that's what they are doing. If they are looking into the camera, then you'll be picturing people instead of scenery.

If you're taking a distant scene, try giving it a natural "frame" by shooting it as viewed through the branches of an overhanging tree—or through an opening between two trees whose branches form an arch.

Don't try to crowd too much into one picture, then nothing stands out and the dramatic or beautiful effect you are striving for will be lost.

Whether you enter Class III for scene; Class I, babies and children; Class II, young people and adults; or Class IV, animal life, send your entries right away to NSPA National High School Photographic Awards, 18 Journalism Building, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14, Minn.

You can enter as many pictures as you like. But don't wait too long, the contest closes April 15.

PICTURE YOUR PETS

Does your pet have a winning personality? Better get it down on film where it can win some cash for you—in the 1953 NSPA National High School Photographic Awards.

\$4,000 in prizes will be awarded

for the best pictures taken by high school students, and \$300 of that will go to the student entering the best picture in class IV, for animal life. Second place will bring \$150; third, \$75. You've also got a chance at a \$25 honor award, or any of the many \$10 special awards.

So get busy with your camera. This class can include household pets, birds, farm animals, or zoo inmates. Remember that most animals have definite personalities, and will respond to praise, coaxing and bribery. Don't hesitate to try any of these methods in order to get cooperation.

Camera Helps

When picturing animals, have your camera at the subject's level, that keeps him important. If you shoot down, he will be dwarfed. And watch those backgrounds. Clutter is just as out of place here as in any of the other classes of the contest.

Since your animal subjects may not respond to your plea to "hold still," it's wise to use a fast shutter speed if your camera is adjustable. Then if your subject starts to wander off, you don't end up with a blur.

Remember you can enter as many pictures as you wish in class IV, animal life; class I, babies and children; class II, young people and adults; and class III, scenes. Get those pictures in the mail soon to: NSPA National High School Photographic Awards, 18 Journalism Building, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14, Minn. The deadline is April 15.

BETTER MOVIES COMING TO THE VISULITE AND DIXIE
What To Read—See And Hear

"3-D OR FLATS"

The transition in Hollywood is on. No longer is TV worrying the movie makers; instead, the entire industry is looking for a big fox office upswing—all due to 3-D. 3-D, in case you've been in Africa or the South Pole and are uncertain about the term, refers to three dimensional features. The impossibility at the moment, however, is due to the situation whereby there are too many different types. The first real 3-D to hit the screen is still being shown exclusively in New York at the Broadway Theatre. The process is Cinerama, and the feature is called "This is Cinerama!" Depth, or the illusion of depth, is given by a screen which is around 3½ times as large as the regular screen, and the sound mechanism is fed through seven speakers throughout the theatre. The chief objection to Cinerama is its cost—the cost of installation of equipment and the lack of a feature film.

However, a cheaply made, and heavily exploited 3-D process, Natural Vision, has released the first actual story using the process, "Bwana Devil", and everywhere it's cleaning up at the box office. The cost of filming this movie was under \$300,000 and yet it will make over two and a half millions. We might, just might, be lucky enough to be able to see 3-D at the Dixie soon. At least fifteen other different processes have been discovered, but 20th-Century Fox is using Cinerama-Scope, a process quite similar to Cinerama, and all of Fox's production has been changed from flats to CinemaScope. The first picture to be released in the new process will be the long awaited "The Robe" by Lloyd C. Douglas, but the released date is not until October.

Cinerama and CinemaScope have one tremendous advantage over any of the other systems, for they do not require the use of polaroid glasses. In order to see "Bwana Devil", Paramount's Dean Martin

and Jerry Lewis movie, Warner's "The House of Wax" and all of the others requires the use of these glasses. It is not comfortable, and requires sterilization of the glasses after one use. We'll put our money on Cinerama and CinemaScope!

Meanwhile, there are many excellent flats (two dimensional movies) coming soon. Donald O'Connor, just about the finest comedian in the business, movie or TV, will be around in "I Love Melvin", starring Debbie Reynolds, also. It's fast, fun, and excellently done. "Lili", the latest Leslie Caron movie, has been receiving above average reviews, and "Moulin Rouge", "Hann Christian Andersen", "The Story of Three Loves," "Come Back Little Sheba" and many more are waiting to be shown. Come on, Mr. Manager at the Dixie, and you too Mr. John at the Visulite, give us some good movies and not "She's Back on Broadway", the "Road to Bali", "The I Don't Care Girl" and that other tripe we've had to put up with recently.

Rev. Carroll Brooke Gives Talk At YMCA Meeting

Rev. Carroll Brooke, rector of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Staunton, Va., was the speaker for the Y. M. C. A. Meeting on Sunday evening March 8.

He took as his subject: "Man, the Tree of Life". He began by asking questions about trees in general and then compared a human to a tree.

He stated that "a tree's outward appearance may be beautiful but what it more important it its foundation and its root growth". "So, man must be careful of his outward appearance but what is more important is what cannot be seen and that is what counts in life".

Further he brought forth that "in this world it's the stuff we are made up of rather than how we look, that may break or make us in life."

He concluded his talk with the thought: "A righteous man is like a tree by the water side who in due season will bear fruit."

MILITARY ADVANCEMENTS
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Promotions

Major Albert S. Dalby, P. M. S. & T. has announced that two members of his Staff have received promotions for efficiency in performance of duty at Augusta Military Academy.

Sergeant James R. Hunt has been promoted to Sergeant First Class and Sergeant First Class John R. Wallace has been promoted to Master Sergeant.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April
8 Miller School (H)
13 Hargrave (A)
18 Greenbrier (A)
22 Hargrave (H)
25 Randolph Macon (H)

May
2 Woodberry Forest (A)
4 Greenbrier (H)
9 Fishburne
15 Miller School (A)
23 Fishburne

April **Lacross Schedule**
24 Virginia (A)
27 North Carolina (A)
Between the above and below two games with Washington and Lee
May

14 Virginia (H)
18 North Carolina (H)

April **Tennis Schedule**
13 Hargrave (A)
18 Greenbrier (A)
22 Hargrave (H)


May
4 Greenbrier (H)
9 Fishburne
12 Randolph Macon (H)
23 Fishburne

PRINCIPALS ENTERTAIN CADET OFFICERS, DATES

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Cadets Quillin, Lowenbach, Thomas, P., Ward, Saunders, Chow, Gamewell, Suter, Balbis, Matthews, Elliott, Bowers, Boger, DuVal, Carter, Wattay, Sibley, Crockett, Munding, Basque, Colliflower, Trinkle, Hoke, Rodgers, Parker, Ruiz, McGinley, Wallace, Bair, Stone, P., Huntberry, Mahanes, R., Sponaugle, Simmons, Hansel and Bowman.

THE BAYONET STAFF



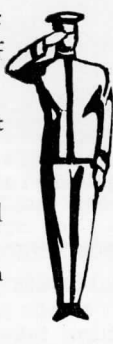
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"LEADERSHIP"

A man who's planted many seeds
Yes, too, a man of many deeds
Today he stand—"as a septré"
Certain others strut "a spectre".

It yields pauseto stop and wonder
What gives rise to—fall in blunder
With—a fine model so profound
A helping hand to so abound.

Well somehow to yourself just think

That many times we reach a brink
But always there is one to say
"Get on there"—to a better day.

Men of vision—men of love
Who take advice from up above
Are given us—to guide our youth
Set example to—dull "uncouth".

One for "all" and—"well"—all for "one"

Then every battle will be won
And so with such a firm concord
Let's give full thanks to our dear Lord.

Forever i nthe evolution
We will find a grim solution
Resolved by "men" of strength and will
Who see— horizons on a hill.

—Judd Lindauer
1953

**Presenting
Mrs. Annie Thompson
Our School Nurse**

"Have a headache?" "Cut your finger?" "Is that cold bothering you?" When that thought comes to your mind, you think of our school nurse, Mrs. Annie R. Thompson, who has been at Augusta for fourteen years.

Mrs. Thompson was House Mother at The Blue Ridge School, Blue Ridge, Va. before she returned to Augusta.

She is always busy helping someone; shaking a thermometer to take that temperature so necessary to be eligible to enter the Infirmary; giving the boys juice or medicine.

Her duties as a nurse call for an ingenuity that would tax the mind of ordinary individuals. Her job includes having the infirmary kept in a spotless condition; giving advice to love-sick cadets; chaperoning the numerous dances at our school; trying to keep the "J" Barracks boys out of trouble (a job that requires ten heads).

She possesses many hobbies and two new ones which are quite interesting: raising canaries and oil painting.

When her paraquet died recently she felt lost and then she was given two canaries to replace the dead bird: one a male and the other a female. One day she left them in the same cage and a week later an egg a day appeared in the nest and for four days.

Interest throughout the entire school perked up and to the day the first egg hatched; then the second and finally the third and last. The fourth egg was thrown away as it never produced.

Imagine an animal the size of your nail on your thumb? Then two weeks later the animal has grown to the size of almost the original mother and father.

Can they eat? They sure can—Mrs. Thompson makes them a hard boiled egg a day and this with other necessary vitamins, etc., constitute their daily diet. They thrive on it!

Drop down and see the progress the birds are making.

In her other spare time she makes wonderful oil paintings and she has sold quite a number to the cadets. —Earle Swetland

QUILL AND SCROLL
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According to Major Paul Hoover, adviser to publications, Gilbert Goldstein and Martin Cohen are among the promising candidates eligible for election next year for their work on the editorial staff; Joe Eagles is eligible for his Photographic efforts; Billy Burnett for his distinctive work in cartooning for the 1953 Recall.

The Spotlight

By Tommy Simmons
Bayonet Sports Editor

RIFLE AND SWIMMING TEAMS HAVE GOOD SEASON

With the winter sports season over the only teams that can boast more wins than losses are the rifle and swimming teams. The tankers have a 4 and 1 dual meet record with 2nd places in the Southern and State meets. In the Southern and State meets they were beaten by the same team, SMA. The medley relay team was the only part of the swimming team to go undefeated. They, also, broke some records in finishing their 2nd undefeated season.

The rifle team has a 6-3 record, one loss was by 3 points to the VMI frosh who they beat earlier in the season. The sharpshooters are expected to place high in the state meet. Walt Elliott's high score of 290 out of a possible 300 against Fishburne was good enough to be second in interscholastic records and a record for AMA firers..

The basketball season ended with 4-11 record and the wrestlers didn't win a single meet.

The fencing team had a 1-4 record while the epee fencers had an undefeated season. The epee team won over Army 6-3, Navy 5-4, John Hopkins 6-3, and N. C. State 5 1/2-3 1/2.

OUTLOOK FOR SPRING SPORTS

The weatter warmer up and lacrosse and baseball practice started. Tennis and golf are scheduled to get under way soon. The lacrosse team should hold its own with a few veterans around to add experience to the team.

The baseball team is green like the football and basketball teams were. All three have the same thing in common—that being the need to rebuild a team. It should, however, take a few games into the win column.

Say, have you noticed the pick-up volley ball games being played in Lilly Valley? What about a faculty vs cadet game?

WINTER SPORTS RESULTS

Name	Games	Goals	Foul Tries	Total
Fletcher	14	77	48-123	202
Fernandez	12	30	26-51	86
Cox	13	29	27-67	85
Bramwell	12	27	25-42	79
Lowenback	12	23	17-45	63
Simmons	12	14	12-27	40
Hansel	11	9	14-39	32
Bowers	5	4	5-17	13
Stanton	8	3	1-2	7
Silva	2	1	0-0	2
Genau	6	0	2-4	2
Firebaugh	5	1	0-4	2

*Not including Second Massannutten Game.

Augusta.....36	Lane High.....32
Augusta.....59	Roanoke Catholic.....40
Augusta.....38	Greenbrier.....63
Augusta.....54	Fishburne.....65
Augusta.....20	Hargrave.....45
Augusta.....70	VSDB.....54
Augusta.....30	Lane High.....55
Augusta.....37	Greenbrier.....74
Augusta.....50	Roanoke Catholic.....41
Augusta.....39	Massanutten.....73
Augusta.....50	Hargrave.....63
Augusta.....53	Randolph Macon.....76
Augusta.....48	Fishburne.....89
Augusta.....61	Massannutten.....80
Augusta.....45	VSDB.....57
Total 690	907

Swimming		Wrestling	
Augusta 42—Randolph Macon	33	Augusta 5—Maury High	35
Augusta 35—V. M. I. JV's	40	Augusta 3—Fleming High	39
Augusta 48—Richmond YMCA	27	Augusta 6—Woodberry Forest	24
Augusta 40—Virginia Frosh	35	Augusta 6—Fleming High	39
Augusta 40—Randolph Macon	35	Augusta 6—Jefferson High	31
Fencing		Augusta 17—Woodberry Forest	22
Augusta 12—West Point	15	Augusta 5—Jefferson High	37
Augusta 15—Johns Hopkins	12		
Augusta 9—Navy Plebes	18		
Augusta 10 1/2—North Carolina			
State 16 1/2			

A. M. A. Tops R. M. A. As Relay Team Breaks 180 Yd. Pool Record

The Augusta Medley Relay Team broke the Randolph Macon Pool Record for their 180 yard course with the breath-taking time of 1:46.5 to rout the previous time of 1:49 established in 1949 by Richmond YMCA.

In addition to this record Augusta took seven first places to win the hotly contested meet 40-35.

Augusta took the 40 yd. and 100 yard free style with Bowers and Bair; the backstroke and breaststorke with Ward and Fox; Bell won in the 200 yard free style and the individual medley.

Randolph Macon took first in diving with Richardson taking the honors and with the 200 yard free style relay.

John Bell was the only double event winner for the meet.

Results:

40 yard free style—Bowers (A), Board (RMA), Rening (RMA): 20.2.

100 yard brest stroke—Fox (A), Mathias (RMA), Gontrum (A): 1:10.

200 yard free style—Bell (A), Fenn (RMA), Olderman (RMA): 2:20.9.

100 yard backstroke—Ward (A), White (RMA), Helfrich (RMA): 1:07.8.

100 yard free style—Bair (A), Reining (RMA), Helfrich (RMA): 59.5.

Diving — Richardson (RMA), Bair (A), Colonna (RMA).

120 yard individual medley—Bell (A), Moore (RMA), Janney (A): 1:27.

180 yard Medley Relay: Augusta with Ward, Fox Bowers: 1:46.5.

200 yard free style relay—RMA with Fenn, Helfrich, Moore, Ebert: 1:26.5.

Swimming Team Wins Second Place Honors At Southern Interscholastics, State Meet

Rifle Team Routs Fishburne, Massanutten; Loses Close Matches To VMI Frosh, SMA

Walt Elliott came within two points of the intercollegiate record when he scored 290 points out of a possible 300 against Fishburne.

After being almost cosistently in first place in all meets all year, Elliott is being to get rushed for first place as following scores will show.

The Augusta rifle team split even in their last four matches, winning against Massanutten 1338 to 1280 and against Fishburne 1370 to 1364 while losing to V.M.I. Frosh 1306 to 1309 and to Staunton 1370 to 1323.

The results:

Augusta 1338—Massanutten 1280
Elliott—274
Weant—273
Bowis—267
Wirkus—264
Campbell—260

Augusta 1370—Fishburne 1364
Elliott—290
Wirkus—275
Bowis—270
Trinkle—268
Campbell—267

Augusta 1306—V. M. I. 1309
Campbell—267
Bowis—262
Wirkus—260
Weant—259
Trinkle—258

Augusta 1327—Staunton 1370
Weant—272
Elliott—265
Trinkle—264
Wirkus—264
Bowis—262

Total investment in educational facilities in the U. S. is so large that only six nations in the world have a total wealth exceeding what we make available for the schooling of our youngsters.

Final Mat Bout Wins For Woodberry Forest

Woodberry Forest wrestlers trimed the AMA grapplers by the close margin of 22-17. This was best match of the season for Augusta although it was in a losing role.

Woodberry clinched the match when Kiney decisioned Sessoms 4-3 in the 177 lb. Class. Taylor, O'Donnell, DuVal, and Balbis picked up three points each for AMA while Wattay scored a pin over Turman in the first period. Woodberry scored two pins and four decisions.

Results:

105 lb.—Taylor (A) decisioned Clayton (W) 5-4.

115 lb.—O'Donnell (A) decisioned Begien (W) 2-0.

123 lb.—Porter (W) pinned Foley (A) 1:45 3rd period.

130 lb.—DuVal (A) decisioned Barnhardt (W) 3-2.

135 lb.—Balbis (A) decisioned Smith (W) 6-0.

141 lb.—McCord (W) decisioned Keitges, R. (A) 6-3.

147 lb.—McElroy (W) pinned Brooke (A) 1:15 1st period.

157 lb.—Wetherbee (W) de? cisioned Boger, Dan (A) 6-0.

167 lb.—Wattay (A) pinned Turman (W) :40 1st period.

177 lb.—Kiney (W) decisioned Sessoms (A) 4-3.

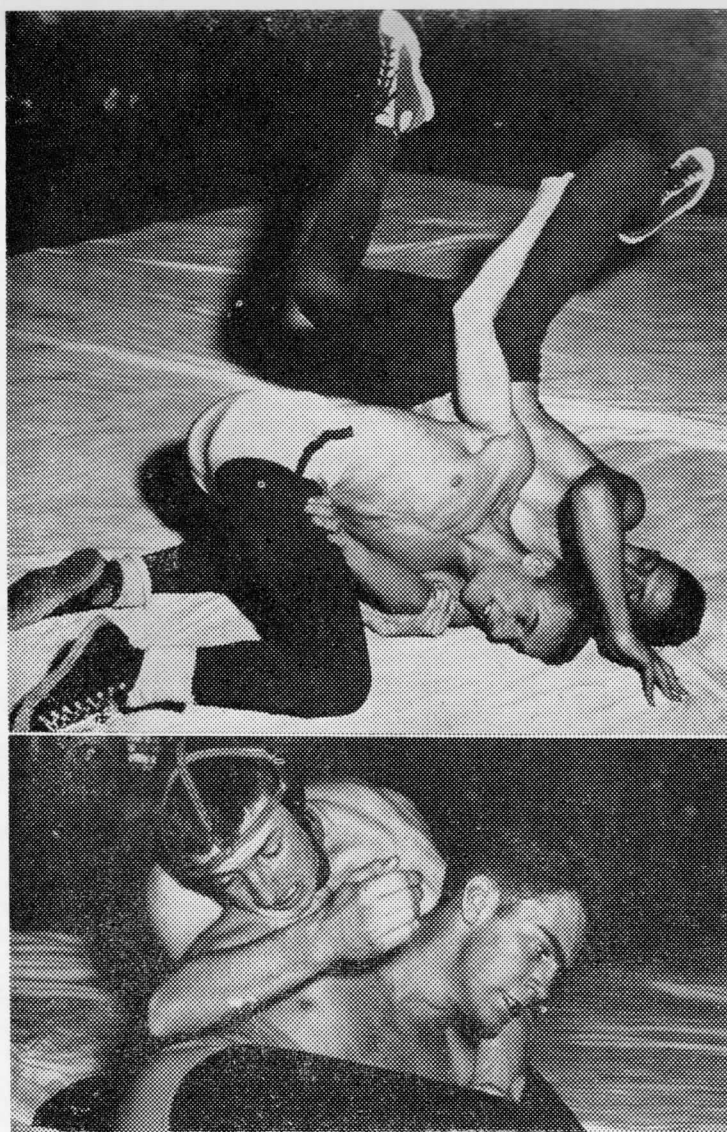
Unlimited: Tomlinson (W) de- cisioned Keitges, J. (A) 4-2.

Exhibitions:

115 lb.—Menendez (A) decisioned Burke (W) 10-3.

120 lb.—Henderson (W) pinned Hovermale (A) 1:30 3rd period.

Foley And Duval Attempting Escapes



TOP—Kervin Foley in bout with Bill Roberts of Jefferson High. BOTTOM—Terry Duval with Carl Saul in Augusta-Jefferson High wrestling match held in Roanoke, Va., Feb. 26.

(Picture courtesy Roanoke Times)

Medley Relay Team Remains Undefeated After Breaking UNC, RMA Pool Records

The Augusta Medley Relay Team composed of Parker Ward, (backstroke), Jay Fox (breastroke) and John Bowers (free style) led their teammates at the Southern Interscholastics at the University of North Carolina to second place with 55 points.

They duplicated this effort at the State Swim Meet at the University of Virginia. In both events Staunton came in first with their team that had depth that no school could compete against.

The Augusta Medley Relay team has gone undefeated for two consecutive years and has defeated such schools as the Freshmen teams of V.M.I., U. of Va., V.P.I.; prep schools as Randolph Macon, Richmond, Y. M. C. A., Staunton, Granby, Sewanee.

Breaking records has become a habit for at North Carolina they broke the pool record, with the time of 1:24.4 for the 150 yards. In the final dual meet of the present season they broke the RMA pool record for the 180 yards race with the time of 1:46.6. In both meets the new mark was at least a second better than any previous record.

New individual champions were crowned at Chapel Hill: Jock Bair came in first in the fifty yard freestyle; Jay Fox champ in the 100 yard breaststroke and the Medley Relay.

At Charlottesville Jock Bair again took first not only in the 50 yard freestyle but also in the 100 yard; Parker Ward took first in the backstroke and with a new pool record of 1:05.8 and as usual the medley relay.

At North Carolina other place takers were John Bowers, second in the 50 yard free style; Parker Ward in the backstroke a second with the low time of 1:04.4; John Bell in the 200 yd. freestyle with a third in 2:13 and a fourth in the individual medley; the 200 yard freestyle relay came in fourth.

At Charlottesville other place winners were: John Bowers 2nd in the 50 yd. freestyle; Jay Fox, a 2nd in the 100 breaststroke; Chow a 6th in the 50 yd. free; Bell a third in the 200 and 4th in the individual medley; Crockett a 5th in Diving, the 200 yd. free style relay came in second.

Lowenback, Stone To Head Lacrosse Team

Bob Lowenback and Pete Stone have been named co-captains of the 1953 Augusta Lacrosse Team.

Both cadets played on the 1951 edition of the ham and egggers.

About forty cadets are out for this sport, including many Juniors who will help to fill the vacancies in years to come.

On the attack Bill Saunders, Tomme Gamewell and Harold Chow are fighting it out; in the midfield we find Howard Colli- flowers, Guy Townsend, Alex Wattay, Joe Eagles, Jack Ireland, Chris Stokes; on the defense are Al Taylor, Bill Johnson and Guy Johnson, David Boger, Jack Meier; for goalie only candidates are yet out for this position, Benedict and Matter.

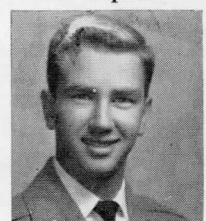
Practice has been going on every afternoon and the stickwork is improving to such an extent that a scrimmage is foreseen in the near future when regular positions are to be allotted.

Captain



Bob Lowenback

Co-Captain



Pete Stone

Only 60 Minutes From Augusta—Just A Short Ride

Natural Bridge - Nature's Epic A Symphony of Beauty, Rock

Located about fifteen miles from Lexington, Virginia on U.S. Highway No. 11, is a massive stone bridge between two towering cliffs, the Natural Bridge of Virginia. This marvel, one of the seven natural wonders of the world, is truly a "miracle in stone".

Jefferson Visited N. B.

The Natural Bridge has a history of many million years. The small creek that winds its way through the opening still today did a tremendous job of cutting through the rock. At one time, the entire valley wherein the bridge is located was level with the top of the bridge. Then the creek which flows there found a crevice in a rock and began to flow down through the rocks to lower ground below. This process, over a period of several million years, formed a large cavern beneath the surface of the earth. At a later period, an earthquake or some similar eruption of the earth's surface took place and caused a great part of the cavern to cave inleaving overhead only one mighty span of solid rock, the bridge itself.

N. B. Million Years Old

The first record that is known of a human visiting the site was when the Indian tribes that inhabited this area went to the spot and worshipped the miracle in the early morning light. With England's colonization of Virginia, the bridge became the property of the King of England. Later, Edward granted the property to an American statesman known to us all, Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson visited there often and built a small cabin there for his family and himself.

"G. W." Carved Initials

At a later date, a colonel in the English reserves who had some knowledge as a surveyor went to the great stone bridge and surveyed all the property surrounding it. He even crawled up the side of the bridge itself to a height of about thirty feet where he carved his initials in the rock. That rock may still be viewed today with the initials "G.W." on it—the initials of a then little known colonel, George Washington.

Tourists Visit Shrine

Not only does the bridge attract many tourists, but there are many other attractions near the location. The beautiful Natural Bridge Hotel sits on a hill nearby where many famous celebrities of the nation have stopped to visit. Passing down the path to the old bridge, we see many old Arbor-Vitae trees, some over two thousand years old. Beyond the span which rises some 225 feet, is Hemlock Island, scene of many gay picnics and dances in the Gay Nineties. Crossing a bridge from the island, we come to an old salt-petre cave which supplied powder for the War of 1812 and the Civil War. It is well known as the "coolest place in Rockbridge County." About two hundred yards further up the path, we see the outlet of the Lost River. There has never been traced the origin of this mysterious stream which flows from beneath a towering hill even though men have risked their lives in the attempt. The last feature attraction that is to be seen is the beautiful cascading Lace Falls where the turbulent waters drop in ceaseless splendor.

"The Miracle In Stone"

Such is this "miracle in stone." Will Rogers once described it as the only useful natural wonder in the world in that a highway passes directly over the span. Conceived by the waters of the earth—visited by the great of a nation—unsurpassed in beauty and enchantment—such phrases truly describe the "Miracle in Stone," the Natural Bridge of Virginia.

Alumni News

'13—James Clark McGuire is director, Department of Purchase and Administrative Services, of the Port of New York Authority.

'14—B. B. (Bob) Carwford operates the Kilkare Laundry in Farmville, Va.

'16—Francis K. Green is a partner in Air Research Associates, New York City.

'20—James A. Leftwich wrote us that he has taken David M. Barkley, the former Vice-President of the U. S.'s son, into his public relations firm as a partner. Leftwich attended the University of Virginia, captained the boxing team there, and was on the U. S. boxing team in the 1924 Olympic Games at Paris. He now coaches the boxing team of the Boy's Club of Lambertville, N. J. He worked on the old New York Sun and other newspapers there until he started his own public relations firm in the late 30's. In 1946 he was awarded the New York Board of Trade Aviation Citation for public relations stimulating interest in air commerce.

'21—Ralph B. Carr visited the school on 17 November 1952. He is in the building insulation business in Johnson City, Tenn.

'23—Harry L. McCreery is judge of the Criminal Court in Beckley, W. Va. He wrote and told us that Thomas J. Adams ('27) is living in Stamford, Texas.

'24—Dorsey Fick died on 17 August 1952. He will be remembered as a great shortstop on Curry Carter's ('11) great baseball teams of the early 20's.

'26—Arthur M. Sandridge is now in Gallup, N. M., as Area Highway Engineer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in an area comprising the Navajo and Hopi Reservations. About 65,000 Indians, he writes, live there in an area of the size of West Virginia in the States of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah.

Boyd E. Horner, Jr., is president of Southern Plastering, Inc., dealing in protective and fire resistant coating materials, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

J. M. (Butter) Bryd, Jr., writes that Charles O. Thomas ('26) is with the Turner Drug Co., of Roanoke, and that Dr. Thomas Henry Alphin ('31) is assistant coroner for the State of Virginia in Richmond. Butter married Dorothy Keene, of Hartford, Conn., and they have five children, aged 8 to 18. After 3½ years with the Travelers Insurance Company, of Hartford, he entered the dry cleaning business in Hot Springs, Va., and is still at it.

'27—Jasper S. Matthews operates the J. S. Matthews Co., stationers and office suppliers, in Bridgeport, Conn., and lives in nearby Easton. He attended Lafayette College after he left here, and, in his own words, now has "one wife, one son, two daughters, one dog, and one cat." His brother,

John Hubert Matthews ('27 also), a graduate of West Point and a colonel at the time, was killed in action in World War II.

J. C. Goodwin is associated with the law firm of J. Henry Le Roy in Elizabeth City, N. C. J. C. is a former Commonwealth's Attorney of Clifton Forge, Va., and wrote and gave us the address of several missing alumni.

'28—Powhatan M. Conway is a vice-president of the Bankers Bond Co., of Louisville, Ky., investment brokers. He will be remembered as a great basketball player while at Augusta.

James G. Skinner visited here on January 27. He now lives in Greensboro, N. C.

'29—Joseph E. Slater is still living in New Bern, N. C.

Joe E. Eagles, of Macclesfield, N.C., has a son here in school. His name was unfortunately left off the list of alumni with sons in the Cadet Corps.

'31—Milton B. Grawl is a design liaison engineer with the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, and lives at Glen Mills, Pa. He is married and has two stepchildren.

Charles Deal, Jr., visited here on December 15. He now lives in Rye, N. Y.

'32—Howard Bradbury, Jr., is a partner in the Vu-Graph Sales Co., in Washington, selling audio-visual training equipment, especially to the armed forces. Before the war he was a salesman for the Marchant Calculating Machine Co. He reports that he sees William S. Phillips, Jr., ('32) occasionally and that he is in the building business and has built some beautiful homes in Arlington, Va.

'34—Wilmer Anderson is working for the Engineer Research and Development Laboratory at Fort Belvoir, Va., and lives at Lorton.

'35—Lieutenant Commander William Gallagher graduated from Auburn in 1940, married a Wave Lieutenant and now has a young son. He was stationed at the Naval Base at Alameda, California, but has now gone to sea. He will be remembered as a baseball and basketball player while at A. M. A.

Dr. Basil Tully is practicing in Chestertown, Md., and his patients include the athletic teams at Washington College there. He was in the Navy during the war, is now married and has a 7-year-old daughter.

'37—Fernando J. Acosta is now living in New York. He served 4½ years in the U. S. Army and was discharged for disability. When here, he lived in Cuba.

Dimitry Gagarine is in the research department at the Dan River Woolen Mills at Danville, Va. He is a group leader for synthetic resin research. He graduated from Ohio University in 1942.

Robert F. (Bob) Hunter is now teaching at Maryland State Teachers College at Towson. From A. M. A. he went to Washington and Lee University, then spent four years flying for the Navy in the Pacific. He got his M. A. Degree from the University of North Carolina in 1947, and hopes to get his Ph. D. Degree this June

from Columbia University. Majoring in American History, he taught three years at Elon College in North Carolina, and now is in his fourth year at Towson.

'39—James E. McCausland wrote us a letter giving a lot of news, most of it about Nate L. Adams ('41). He says that Nate is now a captain in the regular Marines, married Eloise Knox, whose father taught at V. M. I., and is now doing officer procurement work in Washington. Nate went to V. M. I. from here, then to war, and graduated from Washington and Lee after the war. He and Mrs. Adams have one child, Hawes, named for Nate's brother, Mawes N. Adams ('39), who was killed in World War II, and are expecting another child.

'40—Thomas H. (Tim) Forrer is now in Charlottesville, Va., and is an engineer in the State Highway Department. He drives to Staunton once each week to attend a drill of the Army Reserve unit to which he belongs and in which he is a captain.

'42—Angus Hines, Jr., sent us the address of Robert R. Allen ('43). Both live in Suffolk, Va.

'43—Richard J. Donovan is with the police department in National City, Cal. He writes us that he married a girl he met in Chicago when he was in the Navy and that they have two daughters, 18 months and 3 months old.

'44—John W. Hockman, Jr., is now living in Strasburg, Va.

Charles Breitstein is a lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps of the Army and stopped by Augusta on 6 February en route to his new station at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

'45—Richard L. Geist, who is now in the Army, is a proud father. A baby girl was born to him and Mrs. Geist on Christmas Day!

E. Curtis Burt, Jr., writes that he was married in January 1947, has a son 18 months old, and works as the Electrical Service Section, Langley Field, Va. He has completed five years of schooling at the National Committee for Aeronautics at Langley Field. He served in the Navy for a year after leaving Augusta.

'46—William C. Owen is now a war correspondent for Stars and Stripes, the Army newspaper, in Korea. In civilian life he was a News Service, covering the House of Representatives, the Supreme Court, the John L. Lewis Coal Mine negotiations, and American League baseball in Washington. He expects to be out of the Army soon and hopes to go back to INS.

AMA Reading Clinic Helps Cadet Academic Progress

It has been estimated that fifty per cent of the students who enter High Schools of the United States each year lack the elementary reading skill necessary to profit from the instruction provided for them.

Since reading is the most used skill in the learning process, any improvement of reading eventually brings improvement in every subject of the pupil's course. Further more, reading efficiency is probably the greatest factor in the success of a student in college.

The Reading Clinic at Augusta was established in order to detect such cases of reading disability and to provide for their correction.

To further the success of this program, the most scientific equipment available has been acquired. This includes the Telebinocular, which by purely mechanical means, reveals defects of vision which in many cases have never been even suspected by either pupil or parent. No attempt is made to remedy such defects but recommendation is made to parents that pupils be sent to a competent oculist.

The next step in our reading clinic is to test the reading ability of the pupil. This is done with the aid of the Ophthalmograph. This is a device which takes a moving picture of the eye ball as the pupil reads. More specifically it constructs a graph on a moving picture film which reveals to the instructor just how the eyes moved; how long they remain on simple words or syllables; how fast they follow the lines of type; how often they slip back to pick up a word that had been missed, and whether both eyes were fully coordinated.

The reading faults of the pupil having been determined, the next step is to correct these faults. To assist in this we have installed Reading Accelerators. These are electrically operated machines involving a shutter that moves down over any type of reading material at a controlled rate, measured in words per minute. Since the pupil must read at least as fast as the shutter travels, he learns to read in thought phrases instead of one word at a time. The result is better comprehension at a faster rate.

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